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UK GOVERNMENT 'HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS' ABOUT EXTERNAL BROADCASTING CUTS

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(("OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT" REPORT "BBC OVERSEAS SERVICES MAY ESCAPE AXE"))

((TEXT)) SENIOR MINISTER ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT

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A PLAN TO CUT BBC OVERSEAS SERVICES BY REMOVING 4 MILLION POUNDS FROM ITS BUDGET; THERE IS A REALISATION THAT THE MOVE COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AT A TIME WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND COLLEAGUES ARE TRYING TO EXTEND BRITAIN'S ROLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;

THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN NATO AND TO REACH A SETTLEMENT OVER ZIMBABWE-RHODESIA ARE CONSIDERED SO IMPORTANT THAT MINISTERS WOULD REGRET A REDUCTION IN OVERSEAS LISTENERS;

THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WHICH FINANCES THE BBC'S 43 MILLION-POUND OVERSEAS SERVICES BUDGET, IS NOW LOOKING FOR WAYS OF MAKING OTHER SAVINGS, 24 OCT   YEH 24/1249Z OCT

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